Mountain Weather Forecast

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 26 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 27 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 25 Apr 2023 at 15:23 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Moderate confidence for Wednesday with main uncertainty extent of cloud. Higher confidence for a gradual rise in freezing levels towards the end of the week, but low for timing. Low for rain amounts Thursday and Friday and details over the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 26 Apr 2023: Cold and overcast with a few light showers. Light winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 26 Apr 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy	Dull	Dull
Precipitation probability							
<05%	<05%	10%	10%	10%	20%	20%	20%

Forecast for Wednesday 26 Apr 2023

Weather: Some clear spells over the Aberdeenshire hills through the early hours, but mostly cloudy further south, largely dry. After dawn, some sunny spells likely over the Aberdeenshire hills, but cloudier further south. Cloud extends across all ranges by the afternoon. Mainly dry, but a few light showers are possible across the southern Angus and Perthshire hills. Cloud thickens in the evening. A slight chance of light snow, rain in the glens, in the southwest towards midnight.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60% in the south, 80-90% in the north

Low Cloud and visibility: Very good visibility with cloud bases above the summits across Aberdeenshire. Cloud occasionally dropping to munro level further south, most likely early to mid-morning across the Perthshire hills. More extensive cloud lowering to 700-800m across southern hills in the evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	7/8 N	6/7 NW	5/7 N	4/7 N	5/9 N	6/9 N	7/10 NE	8/11 SE	9/12 SE
900	4/5 N	4/6 NW	4/6 N	4/7 N	5/9 N	5/9 N	6/10 NE	7/10 SE	8/12 SE
600	2/3 W	3/4 NW	2/4 NE	2/5 N	4/8 NW	4/8 N	6/10 NE	7/10 SE	6/10 SE
300	2/4 NW	2/5 N	2/4 N	2/5 NW	3/8 NW	6/10 N	7/12 E	4/7 E	4/8 E
Glen	2/4 NW	3/5 NW	2/5 NW	2/5 N	4/7 N	5/9 E	5/10 E	2/4 NE	2/3 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	-6/-10	-6/-10	-6/-10	-5/-8	-3/-6	-2/-6	-3/-7	-4/-8	-4/-9
900	-4/-7	-4/-8	-4/-8	-3/-5	-1/-4	0/-3	-1/-4	-2/-6	-2/-7
600	-2/-3	-2/-4	-2/-4	0/-1	2/0	3/1	2/-1	0/-3	-0/-4
300	0/-2	-1/-3	0/-2	4/2	5/4	6/4	4/2	2/0	2/-0
Glen	0/-2	-1/-2	1/-1	5/4	6/5	7/5	5/3	3/1	2/0
Freezing Level*	200m	100m	100m	300m	400m	400m	400m	400m	400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note low freezing level and cold summit temperatures. Moderate UV levels despite cloud cover.

Forecast for Thursday 27 Apr 2023

Weather: Light snow, rain in the glens, and extensive hill fog spreads to all hills through the early hours. Becoming heavier after dawn across southern hills and turning to rain below 600m. This likely to persist through the afternoon, snow becoming confined to munro level by early evening. Gradually turning dry after dark, but low cloud persisting.

Maximum wind: Southeast 10 mph, increasing to 20-25 mph in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Nil

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor visibility throughout the day with cloud lowering to around 700m in the early hours, then down to lower slopes from dawn.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 7 Celsius rising to 9 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius rising to 5 Celsius.
Freezing level: 400m, rising to 700m by midday, 1200m by evening.

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